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Gentlemen:

As a normal policy and in view of mounting public demonstrations, I call upon you to make public, the findings in the June 9, 1991 stolen auto chase and shooting

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incident in Hillside, New Jersey involving Hillside and Newark Police Officers and the tragic loss of lives.

The public has every right to know all the facts encompassing the chase, the ramming of the police vehicle, what transpired immediately thereafter, who shot first and why, and, the extent of the Newark and Hillside police officers involvement.

Of course my ten year old plea that New Jersey and America manufacture a car that a ten year old cannot steal with a screwdriver, has fallen upon deaf ears. If we can fly to the moon, walk in space and win the war in the Persian Gulf with smart missiles, why not smart cars?

I would welcome a meeting in exploring this tragic incident.

Sincerely

Sharpe James

Mayor

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